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HELLO EVERYBODY!

Been wondering where we've been keeping ourselves, eh, wot? Well, we sure have been hitting it on all eight, and that "ain't nothing" to what it will be from now on....

WELL, THIS IS THE BIG

happy, go-to-camp number of THE FOUNDER FIRE. Remember what your blotter says:

January - Of camp I dream
February - Too, 'twould seem.
March - Finds me at it still
April - Bolsters up my will
May - Whispers, going back.

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

And right now we're in April, just hitting into May and those two lines read: "April - bolsters up my will.....May - whispers, going back!"

ANY DOUBTS REMAINING IN YOUR MIND?

Well, come on, have a little private Boston Tea Party of your own and "throw 'em out the window." Man or woman alive! You'll be the loneliest, homesickest, Founder-forsaken person in these United States of America this summer if you don't get back to camp.

AND YOU KNOW IT, TOO!

And you know U know it, so why procrastinate, or alibi, or try to justify yourself for not getting back to camp. It just can't be done.

YEA, I KNOW

This boy claims an alibi - Says he's too fat to walk.

I know all the reasons....boy, I've heard 'em for seventeen consecutive years and then some! You said it, but I'm here to tell you that 75%, yea verily, 90% of all objections can be met.

NOT BY EQUIVOCATING, NO!!

Big word that. You must want to get back. And when you want a thing, real hard, I don't have to tell you that you usually get it....You know that. Your first step is to answer for yourself the question "Do I really want to get back to camp?"

WELL, NOW THAT WE'VE ARRIVED

at that point, suppose we get a few slants from some campers who really want to get back and who have already registered, and who say they are going to get back....all obstacles and hazards notwithstanding.

"I'M ENCLOSING

my application for Miniwanca" writes one camper. "I need not tell you the reason that prompts me to do it, because all campers seem to get the same inspiration from camp."

"I'll be back for my third year with the Climber Class and will give all the energy I have to do all that is expected of us, which is a lot."

"AT FIRST I WONDERED

if I could possibly return to Miniwanca this summer but now, though I have no idea how it will come about, I only know and feel that I simply must go back."

There's some more to that letter from that fine camper which I just want you all to have. The letter starts out this way:

"WELL, HERE'S MY LIST

of nominees for camp this summer. To put down these names was the most pleasant task I have had in ages. I do hope you will urge them just the little that it will take to persuade them to actually pack up their togs and hike off to Miniwanca. I have talked until my tongue is tired, though I don't want you to think I am tired of telling about camp. But, my, oh my, anyone who has been 'his very best self all of the time' for two weeks can never, no matter what happens, fall very far down his ladder of achievement."

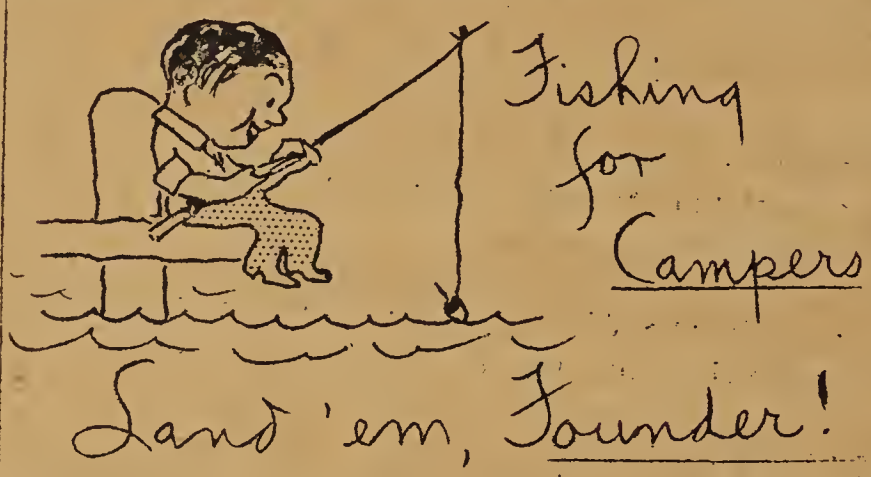
NOW, ISN'T THAT A PERFECTLY CORKING LETTER?

You see, she doesn't know how she is going to get back but she is just as confident that she will get back as she is that the old sun shines. Don't you worry, she'll find a way and what is more, she'll have with her a dandy bunch

of campers from her home town. And that's another thing that I want to get across to you. This FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP is a great big missionary organization. I mean missionary in the sense that a real FOUNDER does not rest until he or she has interested someone else to get up to Miniwanca or Merrowvista to share in those glorious experiences in the FOUNDER Camps. Now, of course,

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF SALESMEN

There is the salesman who goes into a store to sell goods and who begins to apologize right off the bat for the very fact of being alive. And, then there is the salesman who is squelched just as soon as the prospect says "No" or fails to rise up and throw his arms around his neck. But the real salesman is the salesman who has a deep conviction that the buyer ought to buy his goods. When you sell Miniwanca or Merrowvista, just know deep down in your heart that you are rendering the fellow or girl that you are talking to just about the greatest service you can do for them.



WHAT IS COMPARABLE

to helping a pal or chum discover their best selves and really realize how very much they are worth and how much more capacity they have for doing things than they really thought they had. So, hop to it with your prospects and make a solemn declaration to yourself that you will not be content until you have definitely lined up at least one camper to go to the FOUNDER Camps this year.

EVEN THE NURSE

has caught the thrill of "getting back". Last year Lauretta Holtzmann, the nurse who has been with us from the very start of the camps at Miniwanca, could not get back to camp because of the death of her father. But, Lauretta is coming back this year and she writes that she is just about the happiest person on the face of the earth since she has made her decision. She says she didn't realize how much she missed camp until she had to be away last year. Well, the rest of us know how that is, don't we?

HOORAY FOR KINJI, WADJEPI AND DAD!

Cheering for ourselves, you ask? Not on your life. We are cheering for our namesakes and proteges. You do remember, of course, Lutie Chiles' three calves that she is fattening for the market and which she will sell at a good profit, bringing her sufficient money to pay her expenses to Miniwanca and back home again. And, these proteges of ours certainly must be some calves. Lutie writes, "You ought to see the protege FOUNDERS. I have never had calves do better. Kinji is getting so fat I am afraid I will have to sell him early; Wadjepi doesn't object to having his curls combed now; and Dad is just as calm

as ever. He eats between the two frisky ones." And again I say "Hooray for calf Kinji, calf Wadjepi, and calf Dad." Moo....MOO!

BUT LISTEN TO THIS

Lutie adds to her letter, "I can't think of not coming back to camp. It has done so much for me this winter and I find the greatest joy as a school teacher and as Lutie, herself, trying to be her own self at her very best all the time." There is a very practical touch to Lutie's letter. Your FOUNDER camping experience is bound to make you a better person....a better student.... and a better workman. Things begin to happen in school, or at work, after you have been to Miniwanca or Merrowvista.

Don't forget to promote the Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camps!

NOW HERE'S ONE

from one of our dandy Merrowvista girls who attended camp last summer for the first time. This comes from a college campus and represents a student's viewpoint. Sylvia MacGuffog writes: "Merrowvista certainly did loads for me. At least I think so. I could never forget it! And you can just take it from me that I wouldn't miss camp on a bet! I am trying awfully hard to get some of my friends to go to camp this summer. In less than three months camp will come and I'll be there with bells on!!

Founderly,

'Silly'"

And I'll tell you all, Sylvia is a great girl. And how she does mean what she says....and how!

COME ON, TOMMY!

There sure is a place for you....meaning none other than our little go-getting FOUNDER leader, Mrs. Tommy Joyce Lynn of Charleston, West Virginia. Tommy sent in her usual fine Treasure Hunt report and then added, "If there are any vacancies among the leaders, will you let me come back? I am very anxious

to come to camp again, for camp means everything to me. - Tommy."

You just bet your life, Tommy, there's always a place for you. The big point of it all is that those camp contacts just grip every one of us - old campers as well as new, even after graduation when you have become ancient and honorable like Tommy.

MARILYN, BLESS YOUR HEART!

You are a FOUNDER from the longest little hair on your sweet little head to the end of your little tootsie toes, for Mother Agnes Lewis Fawcett has been a camper and for years the efficient Secretary of the St. Louis FOUNDER FELLOW SHIP and Daddy Fred is just about the most helpful FOUNDER I know of. Welcome to our circle of little FOUNDERS and grow big and strong for camp in 1942.

HELLO, MARGARET LOIS!

That's wright, isn't it....Margaret Lois Wright, another real FOUNDER for the 1942 Camp.....And mother Margaret and Daddy Clarence surely are the proud parents, and we, too, are proud to have you join our class of kiddie FOUNDERS. Be good and tell your daddy that some day you'll lick him at tennis!

HERE'S ANOTHER

James Sheldon Bean, weight 6½ lbs., born November 17, 1929. Old campers will remember Jimmy's mother, Betty Sheldon. Jimmy lives with his parents at 525 North Boulder, Apartment C, Tulsa, Oklahoma. And Jimmy is registered for 1942 Younger Boys' Camp. Now be a good boy, Jimmy, and we'll have a corking good time when you come up to the boys' camp to take your mother's place in the FOUNDER camping circle.

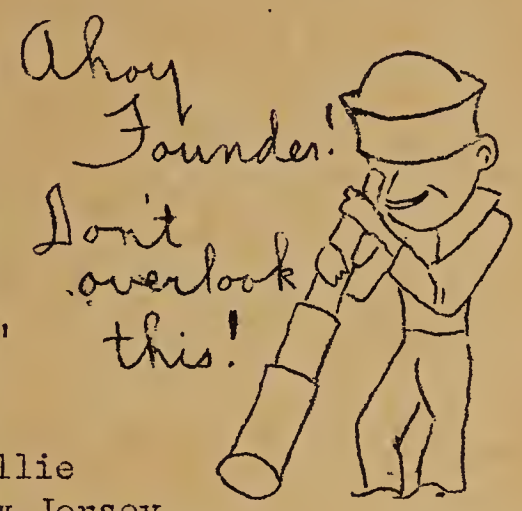
MARY LOU

another young daughter for the Younger Girls' Camp of 1942, came on November 26 to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Pool. Mrs. Pool was Alice Shepard of old camping days. Alice has always maintained her fine interest and loyalty in the older boys' and older girls' camp-conferences and is responsible every year for having some boys and girls get to Miniwanca. We are, of course, more than eager to register little Mary Lou for the Younger Girls' Camp of 1942. My, oh my, won't we have a corking bunch of little FOUNDER campers right out of the FOUNDER families whose dads and mothers have gone to the camps in previous years.

BY GOLLY, THERE'S ONE MORE

Word came just a short time ago that Donald Franklin Mayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin K. Mayer of 2114 Bellevue Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, was Johnny on the spot and all ready to keep things moving fast around the Mayer home. Donald's dad, Franklin Mayer, was one of the pioneer campers away back

in 1914. His mother, Hilda Frees of Scranton, Pennsylvania, is also one of the graduate campers of the eastern camp. Young Donald certainly has blossomed forth in a full-fledged FOUNDER family and he certainly ought to be every inch a FOUNDER - and of course, he is. O. K. Don! We certainly have you lined up with the rest of the gang for 1942. Your dad and mother have set a hot pace for you in the FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP but I am not afraid of what you will do, so keep stepping right along.



" WE EXPECT TO HAVE A FOUNDERS' SERVICE

at our church, too. This will give us a dandy opportunity to tell about camp. I do want the young people to be acquainted with a factor that has meant just about more than any other one experience in my life. The contacts I made there are with me always."

That's from Billie Kotzan of Union, New Jersey. You Miniwanca campers remember several years ago when Billie Kotzan and her buddy, Deal Long, motored out from New Jersey and together with several other members of the New Jersey delegation grabbed the Miniwanca shield away from the rest of the bunch out here in the wild and wooly West.

WELL, THAT'S THE SAME BILLIE

She is certainly going to see to it that there are some campers at Merrowvista this summer that she is going to get there herself. That church idea is mighty good. Every one of you can do the same thing and I suggest that you get busy right away and date yourselves up for a FOUNDER meeting in your church, either in the Sunday School or the Young People's Society, or some other group where you can tell them all about the FOUNDER Camps.

AND, REALLY FOLKS,

it just does seem to me that we are overlooking one of the biggest opportunities we have, when we fail to date ourselves up for an interview with our Sunday School superintendent, or our pastor, to sell them on the proposition of sending a representative from the church to Miniwanca or Merrowvista for leadership training.

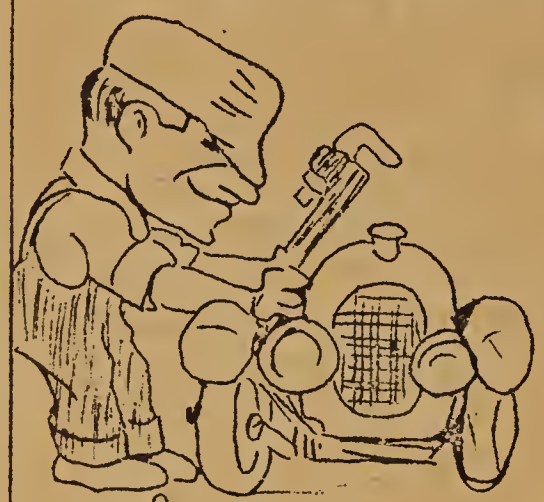
WE CERTAINLY OUGHT TO

be able to do that and it is absolutely bound to get results. I wrote a letter the other day to a Sunday School superintendent, with reference to having the Director of Religious Education at that church go to Miniwanca as a leader, and I showed him just how much benefit would come to the entire church situation by doing this. You know the letter that came back from him was a perfect corker. He told me that members of the Sunday School Council considered it a real compliment that we had paid them and that they were going to make every effort to carry out this suggestion.

I AM PERSONALLY IN TOUCH

with more than one hundred young people and boys and girls who are connected with the church of which I am a member at the present time and the one I attended before coming to St. Louis.

HONK! HONK! HONK!



ALTOONA'S TUNING UP!

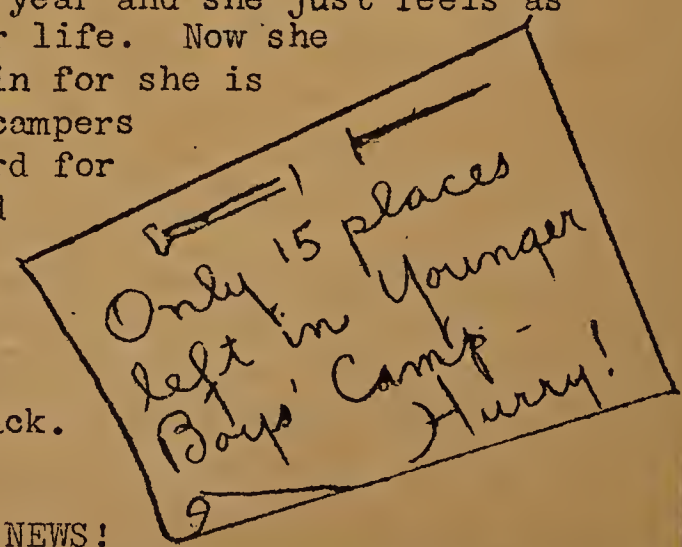
Keep the highways clear and watch your step. The Altoona Joy Bus is being tuned up and will soon be on its way back to the camp. That Altoona gang certainly is a real outfit. I would like to take the whole bunch of you there some time and just show you what those FOUNDER campers do when they get back from camp. George Weber writes, "Here in Altoona we are planning for one of the biggest camp years ever. I suspect you will be hearing plenty from us before the summer is over and don't forget the gang is waiting for your annual visit. Just now the boys are scouting around for a "1492" bus that will weather a stormy trip to "old Miniwanca." Come on, George, with your old gang. I'll just dare you to get seven fellows into that outfit as you did three years ago. And here's hoping we will have some of those fine Altoona girls, too.

FAIRYLAND

That's what Mary Dryden calls it. Back in March, Mary attended a student volunteer conference at Bloomington, Illinois, and there she ran across Mildred Barnes. All the Miniwanca campers know Mildred. Mary says "She is the first camper I have seen since I left Miniwanca nearly two years ago. It gave me such a thrill that I must tell someone about it that will understand how happy it made me and how much it seemed to bring our "Fairyland" back again. I can hardly wait until camp season comes. Yours in all expectation of two weeks in Miniwanca, - Mary Dryden."

SO - THERE YOU GO AGAIN

You see, Mary didn't get back to camp last year and she just feels as though she has lost a great big chunk out of her life. Now she can hardly wait until camp days come around again for she is surely coming back to camp this year. You old campers who haven't signed up yet had better take my word for it. You will be eternally harassed and troubled this summer if you are anywhere but back in camp. Better settle that slight doubt that you may have in your mind by sending in your registration right away and then, of course, having done that you will surely find the way to get back.



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THE FOUNDER FIRE IS EDITED BY WADJEPI - SEND ME NEWS!

"PLEASE, WADJEPI, SAVE A PLACE FOR ME"

This time it is Mildred Smith from Huntington, West Virginia. Mildred writes that she has four or five prospects in sight and wants some registration cards double quick and then she writes, "Please save a place for me as tent leader - I wouldn't miss it for anything." And then, what do you think Milly wrote?

"I HAD DREAMS OF EUROPE THIS SUMMER

but I found I couldn't manage both camp and Europe, so Europe will have to wait until I am too old to climb Old Baldy, I guess." Man alive! think of that! A toss-up as to whether she should go to Europe or Miniwanca and Miniwanca and Old Baldy win - hands down. A big hooray for Huntington, West Virginia. In days past and gone, Huntington used to have one of the biggest delegations of any city in the country. I believe Mildred is going to start the fireworks again and when that peppy Huntington crowd comes up to Miniwanca, just keep a look-out for them.

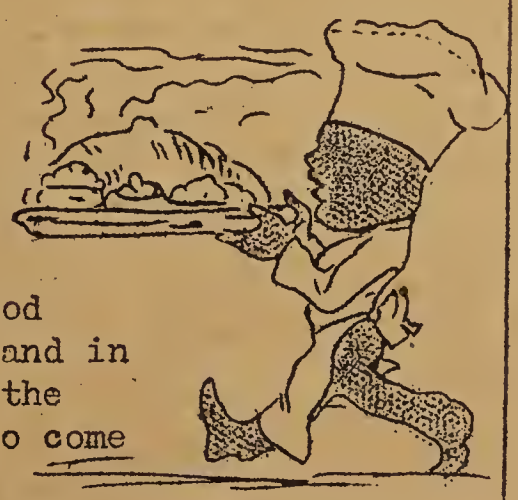
PLANS FOR THE SUMMER ARE COMING ALONG GREAT

At Miniwanca, the entire staff has been lined up and are all set for the big opening at Miniwanca in the Younger Boys' Camp on June 24th. The old chef, Ross Anderson, will be back again and that means that we are going to eat big and happily this summer. Earl Brown will be back for the third year as the chef's right hand man in the kitchen. Tom Scheets will be assistant grounds man and truck driver, carrying on the mighty fine work he did last year.

UNCLE HOBE WILL BE BACK

Yea bo'. Uncle Hobe will be back with bells on and then some more. You know we were afraid we would not be able to have Hobe back with us this year, but plans have worked out with him so as to enable him to make the grade and so we will have Hobe's pleasant smile and his "Go gettum while they're hot" call to the campers from behind the counter of the camp store. Charlie Thompson the caretaker, of course will be on the job as usual and he already reports that things are in prime condition at Miniwanca.

UP AT MERROWVISTA



things are in equally fine condition. Mr. Charles F. Goudey, the chef who has served us so well for a number of years at Merrowvista, will be back on the job again this year. Merrowvista campers know what that means when it comes to good eats. "Hank" will have a good staff of men to assist him in the commissary department and in addition to that, he will have a real boss this year in the shape of Mrs. Charles F. Goudey, whom we are expecting to come

to Merrowvista for her first introduction into the FOUNDER Circle. Other members of the staff will be back and some new faces will be seen too. Mr. Hilton will be on the job in charge of the grounds and trucking, and you can just lay it to Mr. Hilton that Merrowvista will be spandy clean and in fine shape for the opening of the Boys' Camp on June 30.

POLLY SHEWELL IS COMING BACK

Everybody at Merrowvista remembers the mighty fine piece of work that Polly did for us last year. At the close of Camp Merrowvista, Polly is going to drive to Miniwanca where he will help out in the business department of the western camp.

AND, OF COURSE, THE MERROWVISTA NURSE

will be back as usual. Miss Young has become a fixture at Merrowvista, just as Miss Holtzmann has become our fixture at Miniwanca. The Merrowvista campers will be glad to know that their bruises and sprains and skinned shins will be well cared for this summer as in the past. It's great, too, that we have so many fine FOUNDER graduate nurses like Sally Sattler to help us out when our regular nurses are unable to get back to camp. We certainly enjoyed having Sally with us last year and she did a great piece of work.

NOW HERE'S A LETTER THAT WILL KNOCK YOU OFF THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

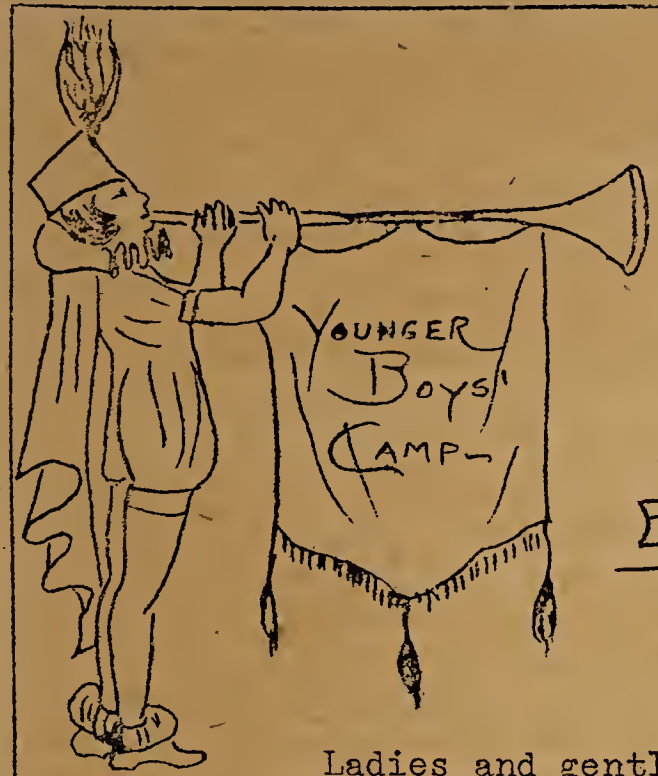
This letter comes from Christine (Pat) Meyers from O-hi-o. Pat is just rarin' crazy to get back to camp this summer and in writing to the office says: "The things I gained at camp in the summers of 1924-25 have lived with me. Wadjepi, I want to get back to camp this year. Next year I am to be a teacher and if I am to be a leader of young folks, I want to come back and camp with the old campers and leaders to obtain more real leadership - the kind that helps young folks realize themselves - the kind that will make a real teacher, not a mere law enforcer." And then Pat writes a lot of other fine things, telling all she has been doing these several years that she has been away from camp.

BUT, THE BIG POINT IS

that Pat realizes that at Miniwanca, or I had better say the FOUNDER Camps, she is able to get a type of training and equipment for service with the people she is going to work with during the coming years, that she just can't get from any other source. There is another good point for you, who are still on the fence, to consider most earnestly. This isn't just coming back to the camp! This is a case of coming back to equip yourself for larger service in your chosen field of work.

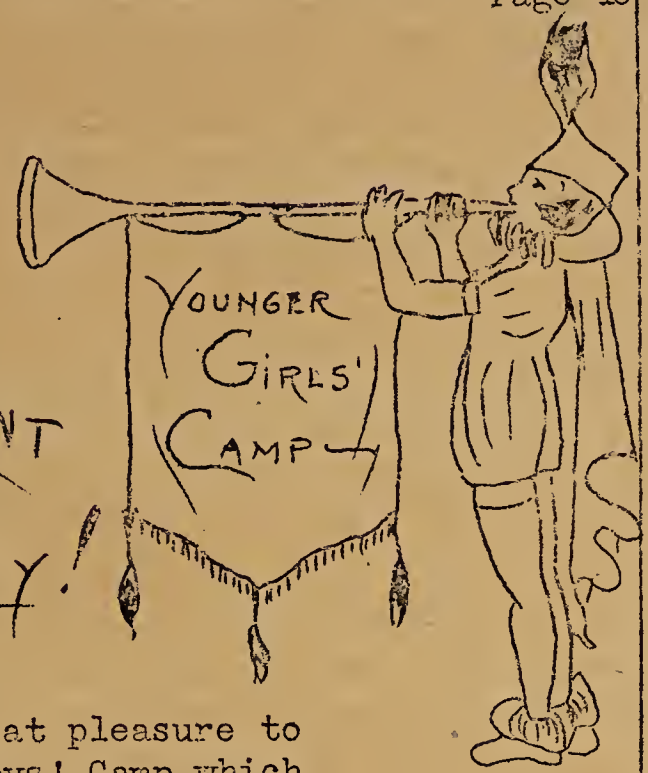
REMEMBER.....

Promote the Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camps!



ANNOUNCEMENT

EXTREE - ORDI - NARY!



Ladies and gentlemen, it gives us great pleasure to inform you that the superb Younger Boys' Camp which was announced in the columns of the March FOUNDER FIRE is decidedly and very much .

ON THE TRACK

We announced, ladies and gentlemen, that twenty-five boys would be privileged to pioneer this year in the first FOUNDER Younger Boys' Camp.

TEN OF THESE PLACES

are already taken - filled - nailed and cemented by ten dandy youngster FOUNDERS who are just counting the days....till camp.

THAT LEAVES FIFTEEN PLACES

for fifteen boys, 11 to 15 years of age, and here now is the

*** ANNOUNCEMENT XTREEORDINARY ***

To help older boys and girls to secure some funds for getting to camp, we will allow old campers a cash commission of Ten Dollars for each younger boy camper that they register (and who attends camp.)

AND TOO,

We will allow a Ten Dollar cash commission to old campers for every younger girl camper that you register (and who actually attends camp.)

FIGURE IT OUT FOR YOURSELF

Suppose you line up five younger boys and girls....that's a cool $50.00 for you

and I defy you to make money easier or more pleasantly than that. That's what you call easy money.

BUT MONEY OR NO MONEY

the big thing you will be doing is to render a wonderfully fine service to parents who are eager to know of these camps for younger boys and girls and particularly to the younger boys and girls themselves.

MINIWANCA CAMPERS DO THIS

With this issue of the FOUNDER FIRE comes to you a copy each of the Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Camp Folders. Please promise me that you will put those two folders into the hands of parents of boys and girls of camp age - 11 to 15 years of age, who can afford to send their children to camp.

THEN GIVE THEM THESE FACTS

1.- These are not just camps - they are Christian character development training camps.

2.- Backed by 17 years of leadership in the training of young people in summer camps.

3.- A camping investment in their boy or girl that will last the whole year round.

4.- All leaders are Christian, college young men and women who have had leadership training work in our older boys' and girls' camps.

5.- One month's duration only, which enables the boy or girl to fit into the family plans the rest of the summer.

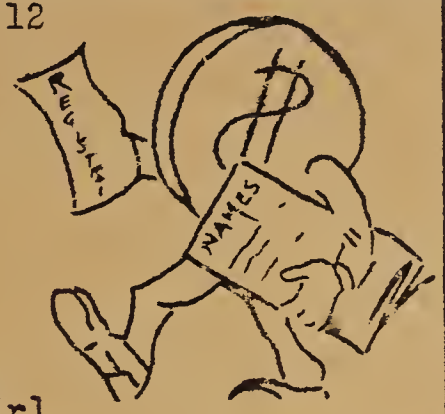
6.- The cost only $25.00 a week as compared with $50 and $75 a week as charged by hundreds of commercial camps throughout the country.

7.- In excellence, far above the level of the many local low-priced camps which abound in every community.

8.- A wealth of FOUNDER traditions, leadership, program, equipment, and experience at the disposal of parents to help solve the important problem of a constructive, Christian character-building vacation for their boys and girls.

I AM DEPENDING UPON YOU

for this service. It means much to the success of these preparatory training camps.



REMEMBER TO SEND US THE

names of the people to whom you give these folders and also send names and addresses of other parents to whom we may send literature.

There you are -- go to it and remember there is a Ten Dollar commission coming to you for every younger boy or girl registered by you and who actually attends camp.

THAT LIST IS GROWING!
HERE'S THE UP-TO-DATE HONOR ROLL

Merrowvista girls continue their good record and lead all other camps in percentage of quota registered to date. Merrowvista girls have 40% of camp quota registered. Nearest competitor - Miniwanca boys with 25% registered.

Here's the list. Look for your name.

Miniwanca Girls

Ruth Adams
Ruth Augspurger
Elizabeth Black
Betty Bonsall
Helen Boyd
Annie W. Brown
Hazel E. Burleigh
Mary J. Carson
Lutie Chiles
Eloise Cochran
Mildred Cowdrey
Jane Dieter
Mary Dryden
Dorothy Engel
Flora Fowler
Elizabeth Fox
Doris Frech
Dorothy Galloway
Geraldine Grass
Virginia Guelich
Irene Hayes
Lura Belle Heeter
Myrtle Herring
Peggy Holden
Louise Holladay
Elizabeth Huey
Phyllis James
Florence I. Jauss
Olive Jane Joyce
Mildred Kicker
Nada Kilner
Ione Kinzer
Lois M. Kyd
Helen Landon
Florence Larkee
Matilda Lulis
Eleanor MacGregor
Mary Mixter
Ruth J. Moore
Fredrica Morse
Gladys Nelson
Sherley Orr
Carol Pelton
Ann Pharr
Ruth Pickett
Elizabeth Pittsford
Doris Ratjen
Alethia Reno
Jeannette Reno
Peggy Rittenhouse
Mildred Sauer
Verene Schmid
Peggy Schneller
Billie Shultz
Donna Lou Sisk
Frances Skinner
Elizabeth Snow
Miriam Teeter
Dorothy Toren
Nina Tucker
Ruth Van Atta
Jane Vollertsen
Margaret White
Faye Wells
Pauline Radford
Ruth White
Miriam Adams
Marian Churchill

MINIWANCA BOYS

David Binney
Rex Blount
John Burrows
Paul Carmichael
F. Morgan Clark
James Corrick
Carl R. Fields

MINIWANCA BOYS
Cont'd

Gus Gruenewald
John L. Horner
Beverly Hutcheson
Malcolm Johnson
Howard R. Jones
Lester Kenner
Harold LeTart
Carl Lohrey
Ralph Lohrey
J. D. Neubauer
Harrod Newland
H. A. Pfingst
Jack Redding
Paul Redding
Donald Roberts
Donald H. Rock
William Rorke
George Skinner
Harry Strothman
George Owen Taylor
William White, Junior
Wm. B. Wildt
B. H. Wilson
William Young

MINIWANCA LEADERS

Frances Anderson
Leila Anderson
Vanna L. Bewell
Janet Cant
Nelle Chrisman
Elsie C. Cockrell
Herbert Eckmeir
Helen Rhoda Davidson
Grace Goslin
Agnes Gowdey
Frances Harris
Guy L. Hecker
Mrs. Bertha Laurence
Minnie M. Macaulay
Gertrude Maull
Alice May
Clara C. Monroe
Sally Moore
Jean Palmer
Franklin Parker
Ethel Peterson

MINIWANCA LEADERS
Cont'd

Lelia Routsohn
W. E. Simpson
Helen Skidmore
George F. Smith
Jessie Wylie
Wilmer Mayer
Nora Jackman

MERROWVISTA GIRLS

Irene Asquith
Priscilla Bacon
Eleanor Benjamin
Amelia Bieleski
Eva Boyer
Mildred Brunelle
Margaret Bryan
Marjorie Burt
Lucia Charlton
Beatrice Christman
Ada Cowdrey
Elizabeth Culbertson
Betty Fairbanks
Isabelle Gay
Beulah Gibson
Elizabeth Harvey
Dorothy Hotaling
Faith Howe
Beulah King
Flora King
Jessica Lake
Elizabeth Marren
Arlene Metcalf
Helen Moore
Sylvia MacGuffog
Ada Nelson
Mildred Pennington
Eleanor Poland
Claribel Porter
Millie Mae Rafuse
Frances C. Rawley
Louise Rockwell
Katherine Ryder
Billie Sholl
Reba Skillman
June Skinner
Edna Stephenson
Marion Stephenson

MERROWVISTA GIRLS
Cont'd

Grace Stimets
Elinor Sturtevant
Beryl Sumerfield
Mildred Vanderhoof
Edna Verdier
Lenda Walker
Virginia Whomsley
Laura Wiltshire
Edith Winslow
Edna Woolman
Grace Zeckhausen
Dorothy McDougall
Ethel McDougall
Marguerite Coney

MERROWVISTA BOYS

Roger Bennett
Chester Brown
Frederick Burton
Nelson Butler
Clarence Drown
Marshall Durkee
Howard Feindel
Ralph Field
Albert Gremse
Sidney King
Melvin Mandigo
Edgar McNabb
Donald McQuillan
Kenneth Pennington
David Scott
Herbert W. Stuart
Jack T. Turner
Wm. Van Derveer
Harrison Woodford

MERROWVISTA LEADERS

Rachel Comstock
Will C. Harvey
Bertha Kimble
Florence Neal
Elaine Rorer
Elizabeth Shinn
Pearle Tewksbury
Mrs. George Watson

Oh you procrastinating campers!.....Pin that dollar to your registration card and send it in

SEND IT IN

S E N D I T I N !

KIMMIE'S COMING BACK

to Merrowvista, and you just ask Kimmie what it means to try to stay away from camp. Kimmie tried it one year....went to Europe. But she just couldn't or wouldn't let that break in on her summer at camp, so she timed her return trip so that she would sure have two weeks at Merrowvista.

When Kimmie sent in her leader's registration it was inadvertently placed on the Miniwanca list. A letter came at once from Kimmie saying "My heart's in the Highlands and I belong to Merrowvista, so please make the change in the next FOUNDER FIRE. Then

"ALL MY GIRLS ARE REGISTERED"

Which means that Kimmie's tent group of last summer is 100% accounted for for 1930. Congratulations Tent #18....that's a wonderful record. I wonder if there are any other groups, Miniwanca or Merrowvista, who can match that.

Hoo's Kimmie?
Of course, that's a Miniwanca girl asking.

All Merrowvista girls know that Kimmie is Miss Bertha Alice Kimble of 1004 S. 6th Street, Springfield, Illinois.

A N D N O W A L L O F Y O U!

Just sit right back in your chairs and listen to this. I want everyone of you to get this so that there can be no doubt in your mind as to what I am trying to say to you. Are you ready? O.K. Now read carefully.

I was nearly petrified the other day to receive a letter from one of our leaders who passed along the information that he knew of several campers who felt that because they had not done anything in the Treasure Hunt, they had practically eliminated themselves from returning to camp - feeling they were not welcome.

Now if I get next to the name of a single one of you who feels that way, I'm going to hop on a train - no, an airplane - and scoot out to your town pronto, and give you a good sound spanking - all of you, girls as well as fellows. Shame on you, and three more shames!

Now get this straight. The only reason The American Youth Foundation is in existence is to render a service to you...(I'm making it mighty personal) to help you become your best self....to show you how to live your life....at its best.

Plain common sense will tell us that it takes money to run any enterprise of this kind - Most of this money comes in contribution form.

Annually for eight years the campers have served in the annual campaign for funds - we call it the Treasure Hunt.

The Treasure Hunt is organized precisely as any local financial campaign that takes place in your home community. Every campaign for funds that has ever been promoted has been manned, sponsored, served by local friends of that particular movement or organization that puts on the campaign. Teams are made up - quotas are set - lists are prepared - workers give their time....to serve that particular organization. These workers give their time to serve.

IS THAT CLEAR, GANG?

Well now, the FOUNDER organization works the same way - only it is a purely voluntary act on your part.

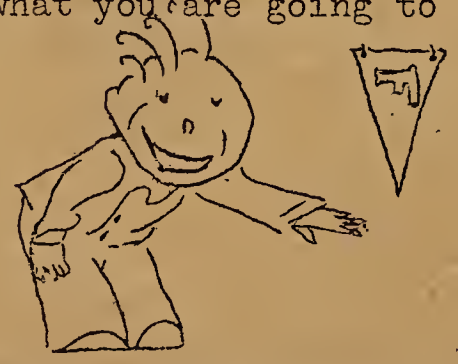
AND, GET THIS SURE

Whether you work in the Treasure Hunt or not, your status as a FOUNDER is unchanged. Why, just think how absurd it would be for us to classify you all or to make you feel in the slightest that you are not to return to camp. Again I say shame on you. Why that is unreasonable. Don't you see that if we did that we would be defeating the very purpose for which this whole FOUNDER organization of yours exists?

FOUNDER, there's only one thing that matters to us....that's YOU. We do not classify our FOUNDERS as those who have or have not worked in the Treasure Hunt.

There is NO dividing line - ALL are FOUNDERS - always and 100%, and when you come back to camp - you are you, and take it from me - that's the whole of it.

Our sincere thanks to you who have been able to serve in the Treasure Hunt and our sincere appreciation of all of you FOUNDERS - for what you are and for what you are going to be in the days just ahead.

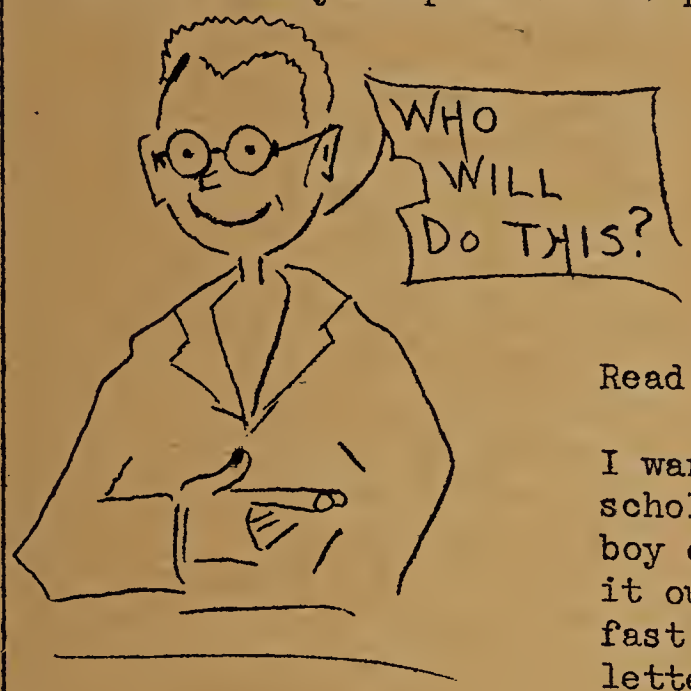


COLLEGE CAMPERS

We sent several FOUNDER blotters to you the other day, to be put on the various writing desks in your frat and sorority houses and at other points on the campus. 'ave you done it?

AND, TOO,

Everybody, don't forget to hang up several camp folders on the bulletin board of your church. Tack up two folders so as to make continuous reading of the copy. It would be fine if you could paste the folders on bristol board and make a "poster" with your own name and address written on margin. Will you do that as a very helpful bit of promotion work?



NOW HERE'S ONE FOR YOU

How many of you will send me right away the names and addresses of one or more outstanding Christian men or women in your community who would be financially able to furnish a camp scholarship to some local boy or girl? Read that again!

I want to write to these people asking them for a scholarship. If we get it, we'll assign it to some boy or girl in your town - perhaps you. Let's try it out. I'll do my part if you will do yours. Work fast on this one. It's a big job to write those letters.

OH BOY! OH JOY!

WHOOPS FOR ST. PAUL!

Says Jennie Doidge, "I hopes to have a delegation of boys at Miniwanca that will surprise even you." or summat to that effect.

That settles it. I'll not sleep now till I know just what that means. Howsomever, take it from me, the President of the Irish Free State shure knows her stuff - not mebbe - posilutely. Well, General, I've set a figure in my mind and I'll double-dare you to reach it. Are you on?

WELL, BY GOLLY!

This past year we've recommended more FOUNDER fellows and girls for positions than you can shake four sticks at.

FOUNDER-trained Christian leaders as a rule receive special consideration when applying for positions. There is a decidedly economic value to your FOUNDER Camp training experience - and why not? - You're fitting yourself for your life work, aren't you and isn't it only reasonable that an employer would want a clean-cut, upstanding, trained Christian leader in his employ? A sincere FOUNDER has developed a keen sense of responsibility and that's what the employer wants.

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P.S.

Only 15 places left in
Younger Boys' Camp.....Hurry!

WELL, HERE THEY ARE

I promised you that this month's FOUNDER FIRE would have a list of the FOUNDERS who had sent in the names of prospective campers on the blank provided in the March issue and these are they. Wot? You overlooked it? Oy, Oy, I'm ruined! There is still time, however. Dig up that blank and rush it in.

Sylvia MacGuffog
Mildred Kicker
Minnie Maude Macaulay
Morgan Clark
Lois Jacquin
Leila Anderson
Dorothy Mahle
Margaret Peterson
Nina Tucker
Eleanor Haley
Ruth Pickett
Gus Gruenewald
Vera Lamey
Eleanor Benjamin
Dan Leedy
Lucia Charlton
Jessie L. Wylie
Esther L. Wiedman
H. A. Sanderson
Dave Scott
Faustina Doggett
Anna K. Goehring
Eleanor MacGregor
Jane Dieter
Jean Speer
Alice E. Pierce
Helen Fage
Winslow N. Wilson
Marguerite Coney
Lutie Chiles
Martha Basye
Ellenor Joachim Bockwinkel
Frances Harris
Bob Hudson
Helen Rhoda Davidson

THIS WILL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU

to check on the things you are requested to do in this number of The FOUNDER FIRE. This is a list of the "Please do its." Put a check opposite each item on which you make good. The promotive punch of each FOUNDER will make this a great year of training at Miniwanca and Merrowvista. Stamp your personality upon the FOUNDER Camps this year by having campers of your own choosing in each camping period. Be PERSONALLY REPRESENTED.

- ☐ 1. Send us the names of older boy and girl prospects. (Pages 3 & 17)
- ☐ 2. Have a FOUNDER meeting at your church and interview your Sunday School Superintendent or Pastor. (Page 6)
- ☐ 3. Send in your registration. (Pages 7 & 14)
- ☐ 4. Register Younger Boys and Girls. (Page 10)
- ☐ 5. Distribute Younger Boys' and Younger Girls' Folders and send us names and addresses of parents. (Page 11)
- ☐ 6. College Campers - distribute those blotters. (Page 15)
- ☐ 7. Put Camp Folders on your church bulletin board. (Page 16)
- ☐ 8. Send in names of men or women in your community who are in a position to furnish a scholarship. (Page 16)

OH BOY!

Tell those younger boy friends of yours that right now.....

1. Carpenters are building the Younger Boys' Headquarters on bluff overlooking Stony Lake.
2. Rigging up tent platforms.
3. Drilling well, installing water and sanitary system.
4. Clearing play spaces.

OH BOY!

15 places left.....Come on, FOUNDER, get your young brother or the neighbor's boy lined up.

50¢ 50¢ 50¢ YES - THAT'S ALL 50¢ 50¢ 50¢

50¢ now for a Dime-o-meter bank....been used a bit - can't notice it....but guaranteed for one year. Yea, it will have on it the FOUNDER plate. 50¢ - not $1.00 as formerly - just 50¢.

Get one quick and stick in it every dime you get your hands on. Mother and dad and friends will help - a sure way to get money for camp.

Hillside Echoes!

At Merrowvista, Grace Lee spoke on "New Paths for Old Purposes" and said:

"For what purposes shall we use these new paths we are finding? Not to follow the lure of the thing - that's done; not to join the cynics who have lost their sense of surprise, but to be speechless at the wonder at the heart of the universe and to believe that creativity is yours!"

At Miniwanca, Ruth Nelson speaking on "Crusaders of the Highway" said:

"The great God dreamed a dream thru these,
Mighty as dream of God could be,
The great God spoke a word thru these,
That word was Life."

"The first great crusader of all - the Christ. Who follows in His train? A glorious band, the chosen few, on whom the spirit came. St. Francis, the Little Brother of the poor; Joan of Arc, obedient to the heavenly vision; David Livingston, immortal thru love and service; Alice Freeman Palmer, who took joy home; Wilfred Grenfell, who dared follow the gleam.

" "All the past they left behind
To take up the task eternal
And the burden and the lesson;
Conquering, holding, daring, venturing,
So they went the unknown way -
Pidneers! Pioneers!